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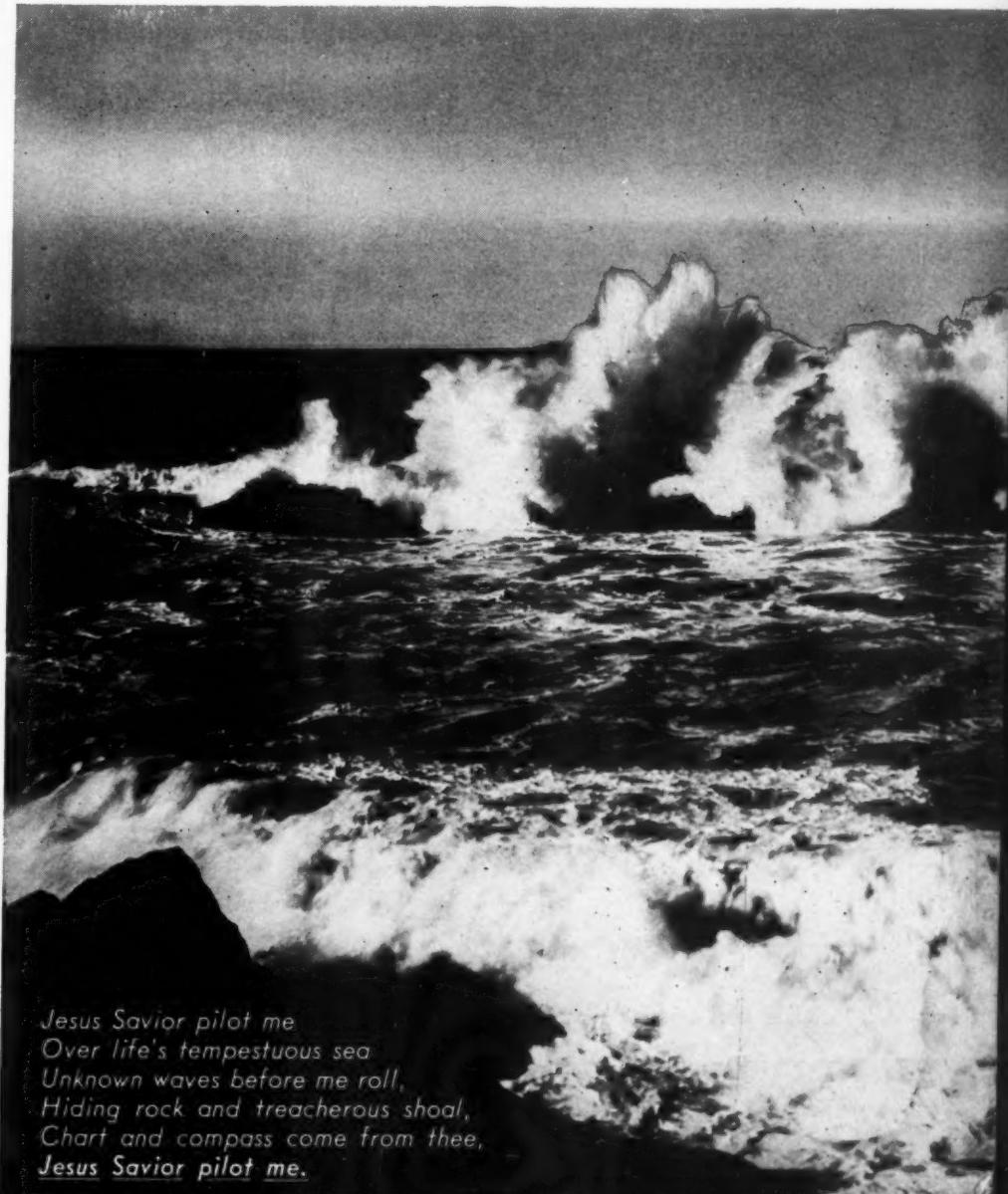
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*Jesus Savior pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rock and treacherous shoal,
Chart and compass come from thee,
Jesus Savior pilot me.*

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I am now open for revivals. Please write me at Box 563, Erwin, N. C.—Rev. G. F. Bradshaw.

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DEATHS

MOORE

On the evening of December 15, 1946, the death angel came and took Sister Lillie Moore, of Talking Rock, Ga., away. She was a faithful member of the Church of God. She was sixty-four years old.—Mrs. R. L. Fouts.

SULLIVAN

It pleased the heavenly Father to remove from our midst Sister Susan Sullivan, of Williston, Fla. She was fifty-seven years old and is survived by her husband and five children. She was a loyal member of the Church of God.—Archie Bennet, pastor.

EARL

Brother Luther Earl, a member of the Church of God since 1940, passed away December 10, 1945. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Denver Short, pastor of Martin's Fork Church of God, Kentucky, assisted by Rev. Roscoe Douglas.

TURNER

Johnny Vernon Turner, age seven, son of Mrs. Dorothy Turner Bowen, and grandson of Rev. J. E. Sechrist, was killed instantly December 3, 1946,

in Winston-Salem, N. C., when he fell under the wheels of a moving truck. Johnny was a member of the Church of God Sunday School in Winston-Salem, N. C.

Requests for Prayer...

PRAY FOR:

Special Request

I take this method of writing to the Evangel, and appealing to my many friends for prayer.

I have served the Church for many years as a pastor. I have pastored some of the largest churches in the movement, as well as some of the smallest, and the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ has been sufficient for them all.

I have been sick for four weeks, with a nervous breakdown and have now contracted pneumonia.

I have a fine church here in Parkersburg, and the people are good to me. Wife has been carrying on the work during my illness. Our state overseer, Brother Paul H. Walker, is very precious to me and is doing a fine work in the wonderful State of West Virginia.

I would hate to give up the work, for it seems as if there is so much to be done. Wife's health is better now than it has been in many years.

Please remember me in your prayers, and a card or letter from anyone will be deeply appreciated. My address is 505 19th Street, Parkersburg, W. Va.—E. O. Sells.

The Lord to touch my body, also my loved ones.—E. E. Newby, Cairo, Ga.

God to completely heal me of a sore leg. It has been sore nearly a year.—Mrs. Odton Robertson.

The Lord to heal my body if it is His will, also an unspoken request.—Myrtle Clark, Atlanta, Ga.

The healing of my body. I am sick.—Mrs. Minnie Munderlok, Tremont, Nebr.

My daughter's eyes. The doctor said it will be six months before she can do anything.—Florence Carney.

The Lord to heal my body and my loved ones to be saved.—Mrs. G. A. Milton, Robert, La.

My foot and leg to be healed. I was injured in a fall.—Nannie Rice, Annville, Ky.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Hatzie Payne, Rayville, La.

The Lord to heal me of high blood pressure and varicose veins.—Mrs. Cal-

lie Winegar, Kingsport, Tenn.

Our brother who has been sick almost two years, and for me to receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Ben Davis, Duff, Tenn.

A special unspoken request.—A sister.

My mother to be completely healed.—Minnie Lee Coker, Boylston, Ala.

Me to be healed and saved. — A friend.

A special unspoken request.—A sister in Christ.

My nephew who is an epileptic to be healed and receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. S. B. Elkins, Slab Fork, W. Va.

My husband to be healed of arthritics and malarial fever.—Mrs. Vernie Robertson, Sipsey, Ala.

My son to be saved.—Mrs. L. J. Raines, Ruskin, Fla.

A very special unspoken request.—Mrs. Lela Yates, Granite Falls, N. C.

The healing of my daughter, Mrs. Mervin Jones. She has the flu.—Julia Ingham Jones, Lithia, Fla.

My little girl to be healed.—Mrs. D. O. Bowen, Anderson, S. C.

Sister Lula Rawls who has been unable to get about much for months with rheumatism.—W. A. Atwood, Collinsville, Ill.

The healing of my body. I am here in the VFW hospital and am in a critical condition.—Reathel Taylor, Dwight, Ill.

Me to be healed of high blood pressure, heart and kidney trouble. I am also anemic.—Mrs. Pearl Wages, Moulton, Iowa.

My family to be saved and my twin sister to be healed.—A sister in Christ.

Claude Richardson who is in a serious condition.—Mrs. Claude Richardson, Ramhurst, Ga.

A young woman in Baltimore to be saved and healed.—Russel Ford.

Christ Nelson who suffered skull fracture and internal injuries; also my mother who is seriously ill.—Mrs. L. Anderson, Manhattan, Mont.

My son that God will save him and straighten him out. — Mrs. Mathis, Itasca, Texas.

My husband and other loved ones to be saved, and me to be healed.—Dorethea Moses, Salem, W. Va.

My husband to be healed and me to be healed of gall bladder trouble.—Mrs. Louise Oliver, Atlanta, Ga.

Our pastor's wife, Mrs. B. O. Cantrell, who was injured in a car wreck. Both legs were broken and other injuries.—Mrs. Bruce Rollins, Whitwell, Tenn.

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Does Jesus Care?

1 Peter 5:7, "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

WE, in Christendom, know that God is able to do that which He has promised. We read in Matthew 28:18, "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." We believe that the Lord is all-powerful. Did He not speak and the worlds came into existence? Did He not give one breath and man became a LIVING SOUL? His hand held the oceans in acquiescence, and His finger traced the courses of the mighty rivers. He flung the brilliant constellations into their places. He wound up the great clock of the universe; and every world, and every sun moves in accordance to His divine will. Not one second has been lost, not one planet has deviated from its orbit since the beginning. Yes, we know that Jesus is POWERFUL and that He was in the creation, for the Word says: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made," John 1:1-3.

We know the Lord is able to do that which He has promised, but is He willing? Does this great God of the universe really care? Oh, yes, He is willing, and He does care. Psalm 86:15, "But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth." While it is true that His eyes are upon the great and momentous affairs of the universe, it is also true that His eye is upon the lowly sparrow, and not one of them falls to the ground but that our heavenly Father knows; and did He not say that we are of more value than many sparrows?

There are some who fear the presence of God and who think the Lord is so strict that they dare not approach Him; but there is nothing farther from the truth, for Jesus cares. There is no finer example than that of the little crushed rose on the temple square. The cruel men dragged the little woman and threw her at the

feet of Jesus, and said, "This woman is a sinner. By the law she should be stoned to death, but what do you say?" The great heart of the Master was filled with compassion for her. Jesus stooped and wrote upon the ground, and said to the accusers, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her." And they which heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last. Then Jesus spoke the soul-transforming words, "*Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.*" If your life has been a life of sin, there is forgiveness at the feet of Jesus. Approach the Holy One in repentance and confession and you too will hear the life-giving words from the heart of the loving Savior, "Go, and sin no more."

Peter had backslidden; he had committed the atrocious sin of denying his Lord. By every legal right he should have been disfellowshiped. But when the cruel crown of thorns was placed upon the brow of Jesus, the first one He looked for was Peter. Yes, Jesus knew that Peter had even cursed in the denial, but Jesus looked into the eyes of Peter. It must have been a heart-melting look of compassion and love for we read that Peter went out into the night and wept bitterly. After the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, He said, "Tell my disciples and Peter (Oh, be sure to tell Peter) I am alive from the dead." Dear backsider, you may say, "I have been so sinful, and such a failure, surely God has no use for me." Oh, but He has, Jesus loves you. Tell Him all about yourself for He is a God of mercy. He understands the test that you underwent. He knows about the storm of trials; and best of all He understands and He cares.

When your body is wracked with pain, and everything has failed, there is One Who knows. When you have tried all of the world's vain remedies and the one in whom you have put your confidence says, "I can do nothing more, everything has failed"; when stark fear takes hold of your heart, and the tempter says there is

no help now, just remember that there is One Who cares and One Who will undertake for you. Matthew 9:35, "And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people."

In Mark 1:40, we have a glowing account of the great heart of the Master. "And there came a leper to him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean." Let us notice the leper. First, he came. He came just as he was, to Jesus. He had no power to rid himself of his awful condition before approaching the Master. There are those who say, "When I see that I can hold out, then I will seek salvation." This leper could find no way out other than through Jesus, so he came to Jesus just as he was. He besought the Lord to heal him. He wrestled in prayer. The beads of sweat, no doubt, rolled from his brow, and tears of earnestness rolled down his cheeks. He really prayed and was not indifferent. "If thou wilt," the leper said, as he put the "wilt" on Jesus, but Jesus did not take it. He quickly said, "I will, be thou clean." If there had been any doubt about his willingness, Jesus showed He was willing. Jesus, moved with compassion, TOUCHED him, and the leper was made every whit whole. If you come for healing, or approach the throne of grace in prayer in an indifferent way, how can you expect your healing? Get hold of the spirit of prayer, and pray until your prayer goes through.

Just outside of Nain there was a lonely widow. She was on the way to bury her only son. Jesus knew that

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BIBLE GLINTS and Late Events

BY THE EDITOR

Babson Predicts Destruction of Coastal Cities

A short time ago Roger Babson, "counselor to executives since 1904," issued a terrifying brochure, which precipitated a storm of protest, which has raged ever since.

He is not a man to be taken lightly for his charts are famous and his conservative investment service has thousands of subscribers. He forecast, among other things, the crash of 1929.

We quote from the pamphlet: "The chances are nine out of ten that Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and other coastal and border cities will be totally destroyed within the next twenty years.

"If you reside within ten miles of one of these objectives, the risk to your family is also great ... Nobody knows when, but the damage will be done in a matter of minutes—before defense preparations can be utilized.

"You can time the bombing of your city more accurately by following events leading up to it in Babson's Atomic Service. Have you a refuge?"

Of course, these opinions are his own and the residents of the cities mentioned are sincerely hoping—if not praying—that he is all awry on the matter of these dire predictions.

Whether Roger Babson is right or wrong regarding the destruction of eastern coastal cities, there is a divine prophecy that "the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up," 2 Peter 3:10.

It is apparent that a refuge—other than an earthly one—will be needed for that time of judgment and conflagration. Have you such a refuge?

The Bible character who talked most about a refuge was the Psalmist. He is frequently found exulting in the Lord as his unfailing refuge. Happy the person who can join the Psalmist in saying:

Psalm 46:1, "God is our *refuge* and strength, a very present help in

trouble."

Psalm 46:7, "The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our *refuge*."

Psalm 57:1, "In the shadow of thy wings will I make my *refuge* . . ."

Psalm 59:16, "I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defense and *refuge* in the day of my trouble."

Psalm 62:7, "In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my *refuge*, is in God."

Psalm 62:8, "Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a *refuge* for us."

Psalm 71:7, "Thou art my strong *refuge*."

Psalm 91:2, "I will say of the Lord, He is my *refuge* and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust."

In God's word and oath—two unchangeable things—we have "a strong consolation, who have fled for *refuge* to lay hold upon the hope set before us: which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; whither the Forerunner has for us entered, even Jesus" Heb. 6:18-20.

Since the Forerunner ascended to heaven after accomplishing our redemption upon Calvary's cross, it follows that all who flee to Him for *refuge* shall be taken there by Him (John 14:1-3).

If you want God's bosom to be your pillow "when the world's on fire," respond to His gracious invitation now: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."—*Timely Topics*.

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Blasphemy

Surely nothing more blasphemous has ever been published for a long time than the accounts in the press of the marriage of "Father Divine" that negro charlatan and imposter. He was seventy-one years of age when he married a twenty-one-year-old white girl who became his wife. She is reported to have said (according to her

husband) that when asked why she married him, she answered, "Because I know you are God." The most charitable construction that one could place upon such blasphemy is that this woman is out of her mind. One would like to think so for her own sake, for nothing is more certain than the fact that such vile blasphemy will not go unpunished. This misguided young woman has heaped up for herself sorrow and woe in uniting herself with this devil-inspired creature, and has taken a step she will everlasting regret.—*The Evangelical Christian*.

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Three Million Bibles Sent Japs, Germans

DALLAS, Texas—More than 2,000,-000 Bibles and New Testaments have been sent to Germany and more than 1,000,000 to Japan by the American Bible Society, Dr. Robert T. Taylor, general secretary of the society, told a Rotary Club meeting. Cost of putting the Bibles and Testaments in Germany was \$450,000.—*Protestant Voice*.

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Value of Education

In actual dollars and cents, four years spent in college is worth a total of \$106,000, according to statistics. In other words, each of those four college years is worth, in future earnings, over \$26,000.—*Protestant Voice*.

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What About the Future of the German Church?

(Third article in a series in UEA on Europe)

WHEN one views the wreckage of the churches in the larger cities of Germany and realizes that thousands of congregations have no adequate meeting place, it would seem an improbability that the church in Germany can survive. When it is remembered that German churches had reached such a low spiritual ebb before the buildings were destroyed by the awful holocaust which overtook them, there is still more reason for pessimism. But in addition to this is the fact that the supporters of these churches have in a majority of instances been reduced from affluence, or at least a reasonable degree of financial security, to extreme poverty. Only the miracle of spiritual revival can save the German Church.

As incredible as it may seem, there is yet a considerable measure of confidence among the German leaders that they will win their battle for survival. A hopeful sign is that the war has dispelled much of the lethargy which had settled over the larger communions. These had gone on through the years with a sense of financial security because of the assurance of income from taxes, even when congregations dwindled to a handful.

The churches have come out of the war, beaten to the dust by financial losses—losses of personnel, losses of members but with a renewal of faith in the great doctrines of the Reformation which gave them birth. There appears to be less modernism in Germany today than in any other country in Europe, certainly much less than in America. However, the church in Germany today faces the same peril which threatened the spiritual life of America a generation ago. Then we were subject to a barrage of German rationalism. Now they are being subjected to a barrage of American rationalism by way of the Federal Council of Churches in New York and the World Council at Geneva.

J. ELWIN WRIGHT, D. D.*

To understand what is happening a background should be provided.

The resistance movement in the churches of Germany brought the leaders of several communions much closer to each other than would have been likely under normal circumstances. This has produced among them a strong sentiment for co-operation or even organic union. Therefore, by force of circumstances they are in a position of mutual need and dependence which has set the stage for a nation-wide experiment in organic union.

As early as August, 1945, Bishop Wurm was able to bring together a very representative group of church



leaders, including all major interests, at Treysa, in Hesse. Several proposals for union were made and discarded as impractical for one reason or another, before a formula was finally found which seemed to give some promise of success. This called for a realignment of the confessing church with the so-called "Church Front" organized by Bishop Wurm in 1942. Also included were various churches in areas not so directly affected by the bombings and invasions which had continued to function more normally on a pre-war basis.

The new organization was given the name, "Evangelical Church in Germany," or EKID for short. A Council of Twelve was elected to serve as a temporary executive committee to prepare the way for a permanent synod

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to be brought into existence as soon as possible by popular election. First of all there must, of course, be concurrence on the part of the Lutheran, Reformed, Union and any other co-operating churches.

The Treysa convention was characterized by tense periods of disagreement during which it sometimes appeared that the meeting would result in complete failure. The final decisions were regarded as compromises, not entirely satisfactory to any group but holding forth a hope that a beginning had been made which would blossom into full success in course of time. Among the points of disagreement were the creed, the form of government, and the very vexing question of the status of the church in relation to government.

Many believe that the church cannot exist without tax support. Others believe that it can never succeed spiritually unless the principle of the separation of church and state is adopted. The latter sentiment is growing.

There is still a great difference of opinion as to whether EKID will finally emerge as a mere federation (however, with more centralization of authority than exists in the Federal Council in America) or as a new national church in which the identity of the existing communions will be lost.

The leaders of the smaller communions, such as the Baptists and Methodists, are skeptical regarding the spiritual or ecclesiastical success of the movement. They are adopting a policy of watchful waiting.

This situation is being watched with intense interest by the Federal Council of Churches in America, long committed to the plan of general church union. To its leaders Germany gives promise of becoming the scene of a major experiment in building an all-inclusive (with the exception of the Roman hierarchy) national church.

The Treysa convention had scarcely adjourned when delegates from the

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(Preached at the Church of God, Augusta, Ga., on Sunday morning, by the pastor, Rev. Max L. Atkins.—Exelma Holley, reporter.)

Text: Psalm 92:12-14, *THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL FLOURISH LIKE THE PALM TREE: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing."*

Here the Psalmist compares the righteous to the palm tree. Let us look at the palm tree for a few minutes this morning.

The most attractive thing to me about the palm tree is its fruitfulness. It is said that 360 uses are made of its wood alone. Every part about the tree is useful. It is true it was used for decoration in the Temple, but it was useful and fruitful as well. God's people must be useful and fruitful as well as ornamental. One palm tree is known to have produced as much as 600 pounds of fruit. The older it gets the more and better fruit it bears. Text: "They shall bring forth fruit in old age." Christ has chosen us to be fruit-bearers. John 15:16. To please Him, we must be fruitful in every good work. Col. 1:10. The longer one serves the Lord, the more patience he should possess, for tribulation worketh patience (Rom. 5:3), and the more Christian experience one has, the more love, faith and knowledge he will have acquired.

The palm belongs to the evergreen family. They remain the same the year round. This denotes stability. "Why gaddest thou about so much to change thy way?" Jer. 2:36. Some people just roam from place to place and are never settled. They remind me of a loose dog, just following anybody that will hunt with him. Notice the text, the thought "planted." To be planted is to be concealed or hid. Col. 3:3, "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." Some transplanting is good, but continual transplanting will hinder growth, maturity, and production. People who ramble around are never strong and dependable in the house of the Lord.

The palm thrives on the hidden streams. Jesus declared that he had meat that the disciples knew nothing of. He told the woman at the well about this stream which would quench her thirst for time and eternity. She drank until her cup (soul) was filled

A PALM-TREE CHRISTIAN



and running over, then she went her way telling others the good news of this hidden stream. Some believed from what she said; others believed because they drank themselves. John 4:6-42. The palm tree guides thirsty travelers to water. Wherever it grows, you are sure to find water. Christ is that hidden, living stream, and where you see two or three palm-tree Christians you may be sure that He is near by. Matt. 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. When our bodies shake, lips quiver, and our tongues buzz, our enemies look on us with amazement and contempt, but they do not realize that we are drinking from the hidden stream. Psalm 23:5.

The palm tree grows straight, in its beautiful uprightness. Temptations, persecutions, and tribulations will not sway the uprightness of a typical palm-tree Christian. In Heb. 12:13, we are told to make straight paths for our feet. Matt. 7:14 declares that this way is a strait way. Nothing that God has in His plan, or will, will He with-



hold from the upright (Psalm 84:11), because this man is straight in business, morals and in his everyday life. Don't be like the Pharisees in Jesus' day, so straight that they swayed the other way. They strained at a gnat and swallowed a camel. Matt. 23:34. The palm tree also grows heavenward. 2 Peter 3:18, "Grow in grace, and in knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

The harder you press the palm, the better it grows. You remember the Israelites' oppression. Exod. 2:12. The more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied. Somebody said that the holiness people were going to take this town. That's true, but I'll bring that in later in this message. Although trampled on by man and beast, the little palm plant shakes off the sand and dirt and keeps reaching heavenward. The Christian rises like the airplane, against the current.

Bad weather does not hinder the growth of the palm. Did you ever see fair-weather Christians? In the winter they say, "It's too cold to go to church," and in summer they say, "It's too

hot." Not so with the palm-tree Christian. They grab their wraps in winter and their fans in summer and journey to the house of the Lord. They thrive in all kinds of weather.

The palm trees flourish in the desert. A real true Christian will flourish anywhere and under all circumstances. Eph. 4:15, "But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things." We are to GROW UP in Him. The higher the palm tree grows, the broader it grows in the top. The thought here is significant. Christians need broad feet on which to stand firmly for the right. Some folk can be knocked over, spiritually, with a broom-straw. They need a broad heart, broad enough to love everybody. Broad shoulders are needed to carry great loads, and may God give us a broad mind, broad enough to see the other fellow's point of view. So the higher you grow in the Lord, the broader you should grow between the eyes.

This fine tree affords shade for journey-worn travelers. Beneath their boughs they find rest and refreshment. These brethren refresh my spirit, when I get near them. When I die, let my bed be surrounded by a grove of palm-tree Christians. Let their restful shade fall deeply over me. A palm is strong to lean on. When you are weak and weary you may lean on palm-tree Christians. They will bear you up.

Look for a moment at the leaves of a palm. They are long and feather-like and whistle musically in the breeze. No wonder people like our singing, because it is filled with the Spirit. 1 Cor. 14:15. Sometimes a gale of the spirit rises off God's ocean of love, strikes the sacred cords of the soul, till angels tune in for the melody.

Lastly, the palm tree is a symbol of victory. It overcomes choking sands, scorching heat, fierce storms, heavy weights, and crushing wounds. While its wounds are healing, it continues to

grow and bear fruit. It is said that a palm is hard to kill. The palm-tree Christian overcomes choking sands of riches, scorching flames of temptation, fierce storms of persecution, heavy weights of burdens, and crushing wounds caused by grievous words. Even if the palm is cut down, it will sprout again. When we are cut off in this world, we shall sprout again in glory. We have the blessed assurance of victory over the world, sin, the devil, the antichrist, and the grave. Rev. 7:9. Palm branches were spread before Jesus as He made His so-called triumphant entry into Jerusalem. John 12:13. That was only a symbol of the victory to come. Soon He is going to ride a white horse into the city, to be crowned Lord of lords and King of kings; then will this text fully come to pass: "THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL FLOURISH LIKE THE PALM TREE." Palm-tree Christians will fill Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the utmost parts of the earth. Amen.

Shew Us the Father

REV. JAMES B. YOUNGBLOOD

"Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us,"
John 14:8.

Today, men and women all over the world are crying out with Philip, "Show us the Father." Their hearts and minds are confused with such great changes as have occurred recently that they are begging for something definite on which to base their hopes. I cannot condemn them for this cry, or for the desire for a knowledge of God. I would condemn, rather, those who have failed to show them the Father.

Neither do I believe that there is a spirit of infidelity in these words as may first appear. Man still believes there is a God. Daily the heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth His handiwork. Psa. 19:1. All mankind realizes that there is a power greater than that of man. The scientist cannot escape it in his analysis of matter; he sees what the writer of Hebrews saw. Heb. 11:3, "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." In other words, God made something out of nothing. The scientist sees this when he finds that all matter is com-

posed of molecules and these molecules are made up of atoms. Then in the recent experiment of splitting the atom it was proven that the atom is composed of positive and negative ions of electricity, the one revolving around the other in the same manner that the earth revolves around the sun. Then comes the conclusion that the whole earth is composed of one thing, electricity, and electricity is not an element but rather a force. So God created a force and from a force He created the whole universe. He is forced to admit that there is a God that controls the movement of this great creation, yet he cries out, "Show us the Father."

When the botanist can make a grain that looks like corn, tastes like corn, and smells like corn, but when it is planted it will not sprout and grow, then he is forced to admit that God is the Giver of life and that man cannot produce life. He, too, cries out, "Show us the Father," not because he does not believe there is a God but because he wants to know more about Him. It is His personality he is wanting to know—what kind of person is He? what is He like? what kind of disposition does He have?

I remember well the idea that I had

of God before I knew Him. I thought He was a terrible God, always seeking vengeance upon mankind, and ever ready to send a soul to hell for the slightest act of disobedience; a God that was always seeking to do me some evil and never good. I had been taught to fear Him because of His terrible destruction of the sinner, with never a thought that He loved me. I had need for someone to show me the Father, even though I was a strong believer in Him.

But doesn't the world know God? Yes, but many of them have read of Him in the wrong epistle—the life of one who had only a profession. As someone has expressed it, we have inoculated the world with a mild form of religion until now it is practically immune to the real thing. Just as the typhoid germ is injected into the blood and will prevent the disease from occurring, a little religion has kept the real thing out of many hearts.

How can we show the Father? No man hath seen God at any time, and the ways of Jehovah are past finding out. BUT THANK GOD, the God that hath spoken in many ways before "hath in these last days spoken unto

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BEHOLD A HOLE IN THE WALL



REV. BRADY DENNIS
Youth Director of West Virginia.

No, it is not a couple of children at a baseball game without the price of a ticket, scanning the board-fence for the nearest knothole to see the champion make a home run, BUT it is God speaking to Ezekiel in a vision, wanting to show him something more serious—"the wickedness of Israel."

Today, we are standing at the beginning of the new year. What does it hold for me? Joy or sorrow, sickness or health, prosperity or poverty, life or death? No one knows. We are not so much concerned about the old year. We know what it has been. It has now taken its place in the library of history. If we could only see what the new year holds in store! We stretch a little farther and squint a little harder trying to see what this year holds for us. No, we do not know. "We have not passed this way heretofore."

God gave Ezekiel a look at the abomination of Israel (Ezekiel 8:5, 6), saying, "Seest thou what they do?" Why? "That I should go far off from my sanctuary?" or flee and leave it all with them? Many today would like this too, but this will not work. God is a jealous God and we must serve and worship Him or bear the consequences.

He led him on farther to a door, and when he looked he saw A HOLE in the WALL. God has a way of leading His children on. He leads us step

REV. BRADY DENNIS

Ezekiel 8:7

by step and wants us to notice some things along the way ourselves. We are to be as "wise as serpents and harmless as doves." God did not show Ezekiel the hole, but he noticed it himself. We, as Christians, need to empty our minds, hearts and souls, and be on the alert throughout the year, against the snares of the devil. Sometimes it may be only a little thing, but it may turn out to cost us our soul. Again many today are building a wall to conceal their wickedness, but you can't do it. Regardless of your skill, there will be a hole left some place along the way and someone will discover it.

Some may say, "I'm behind the wall, I am in the church and no one will see me." Prov. 15:3, "The eyes of the LORD are in every place." God

has a way of revealing things. God said to Ezekiel, "Dig now in the wall," make the hole bigger, and thus he found a door. God said, "Go in and see." Many wicked hearts have been revealed in such a manner, and when the wall is being torn down, their wickedness revealed, shame and reproach brought upon their lives, then comes the pitiful statement, "If I had only lived right."

Yes, it is too late for many; but for us, will we just take a look into the new year (watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation), and prepare ourselves against the onslaughts of the devil. "Put on the whole armour of God, that we may be able to stand."

Some say as Israel, v. 12, "The Lord seeth us not." Today it may appear that God does not see the wickedness of the world. He may be peeking through a hole, so to speak, but soon the courtroom door will open, the Judge will appear, and the decision will be final. Ezek. 8:18, "Therefore will I also deal in fury; mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them." Or would you prefer to be on the safe side, Psalm 34:15, "The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry."

CHARITY

Rev. D. H. Delk

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Charity is unfeigned love. It is the kind we get when we first receive Christ. "As ye have received Christ Jesus, so walk ye in him."

I remember reading where a woman said, "I've killed my husband, and now I am dead inside myself." Without charity we are not only dead inside, but outside, topside, every side and all over is dead, twice dead—deader than a door knob.

Charity will help you be a dear child, not a pet child. It will help you live in harmony with Eph. 4:31, 32, also ch. 5:1, 2. Read it and reread it, for you may get more the second time.

"Charity never faileth." Why? Well, the answer is in John 14:23. Jesus said, "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." We, the Big Three—Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

This will make you invincible. You can say with Micah, "Truly I am full of power."

Charity is that fourth extra low gear. Many don't have it for the simple reason they don't need it to pull an empty truck on level ground, or on which to coast down hills. But those who take pleasure in infirmities, necessities, etc., need it. Those who glory in the cross won't try to get along without charity (this fourth gear). Charity will lead you into valleys, and rough and rocky roads, and up long and high hills. As the old darky says, "It may lead you where the most debil is."

"Charity enviieth not." Envy is a spiritual cancer that eats the very bones. Prov. 14:30. Envy is the rotteness (or rotter) of the bones. Envy slayeth the silly, for silly folk don't seek charity; they invite envy. Envy feeds on blemishes, spots, and sores, like an old (Continued on page 14)



Your Opportunity

REV. ALONZO HALL, B. A.



Professors and ministers are often asked this question, "What do you think I am best fitted or qualified to do in order to be of service in our present society?" It is quite true that a bread-and-butter job is of utmost importance in our economic system.

One may be thrilled as he reads about the success made by a man of the past generation, but let us face life with its present problems. Our best piece of reference material, most of you will agree, is the Holy Bible.

God used a supreme plan for the universe, permitting vast resources to come into existence. Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Matthew 22:37-39, "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." These two passages provide a physical environment at our disposal, and also a system of ethics, which will show that greed and lust expressed as Satan employs would prove to be a detriment to any society. Beyond question your writer is an American but I ask all party members, "Are you following Jesus and His teachings?" Food, clothing and shelter are the three essentials, but so many people are attempting to exploit their fellow men in order to become crumbs of the "upper-crust."

Galatians 6:10, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." This one verse of scripture will provide you with

a job for the rest of your life. Regardless of your social, economic, or educational background, you have the privilege of being a member of the Master's army. Joshua 24:15, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve; ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." The Master uses only volunteers. There is ample room in

the world for the interested worker. Preachers, deacons, teachers, personal workers, authors, charity programs—all are needed in great abundance. Matthew 9:37. "Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few." Try becoming your brother's keeper and show a pronounced interest in the poor, sick, and underprivileged. Matthew 25:40, "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Whether you are considered a success or not, ask yourself, "Do I make a daily application of the above suggestions?" The song writer apparently lived for others, judging from what came from his pen:

"Do not wait until some deed of greatness you may do;
Do not wait to shed your light afar.
To the many duties ever near you
now be true;
Brighten the corner where you are."

Your neighborhood appreciates good neighbors, so you be the first one.

CONVERT HIM

James 5:19, 20

REV. S. W. EDMUND

While reading the "Meditations of Marcus Antonious" one cannot help but realize the importance of treating our fellow man with the respect due him. There is not one of the human race that is not offended either in word or deed.

The question arises as to what is the right way to treat the offender. This has been considered by every religion in the world, but with all the preaching still we are "trying to convert the erring one and save a soul from death."

The ancient ruler of Rome had a theory on this subject and with a few enlargements it is passed on.

If a man offends you it is good to consider a few things before a move is made for or against him.

Is that man that offends any relation to you? Too often our own kin can offend us or others and nothing is thought of it. If every offender were considered as our relation, judgment would not only be slow but soft. Really we are all brothers under the skin;

why can't we be brothers under our skull bones? "We be brethren" and "love hideth a multitude of sins."

What are the opinions of the man that offends? Were you harmed because two persons did not think the same? Think about that man's feelings; he likes to be considered, too. He probably is just as sincere as you. It might be that you need a little of the other fellow's zeal.

Many of our offenses are made because we are ignorant. How much education has that man that offended you? Did he have good teachers? Were they as good as the ones you had? Does your pencil have an eraser on it? That was put there to correct mistakes. If we cannot tolerate another's mistakes, it would be well to make sure there are none on our part. He may never have had the truth expounded to him, and it is the "truth that makes one free."

How often we are prone to judge our offender before we are even sure we are right on the same subject. Go

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J. STEWART BRINSFIELD
Executive Missions Secretary



URGENT!

Men and women who know how to pray, please pray that some way God will undertake and prevent the building of a cocktail bar and liquor store which will be less than 400 feet from our church here. The Alaska law only stipulates the distance of 200 feet from a church or school. God is able and we have confidence in your prayers.

— George Savchenko, Palmer, Alaska.

think we have enough money and are trying to get the material. I organized this church with forty-two members; also, the work in Stuttgart-Muenster was organized with forty-two. There are other churches to be set in order, but I want to establish them some more in the doctrine. By the close of the Assembly year we hope to have all the other works reorganized. I am very busy, as you will see by the report.

I want to thank you for the letter in which you wrote that you sent some

ANOTHER YEAR!

Another year!
How swiftly do they pass
Into the yesterdays.
No need to try to bring them back,
Or grieve o'er much the bitter lack
Of growth in Virtue's ways.

Another year!
The Past—beyond recall—
Has brought its lessons stern.
And on before us lies the way
To greater things—a brighter day,
If we did aptly learn.

Another year!
With pages white and clean—
Each day a record page
On which to write a deed well done,
Some battle fought, and vict'ry won,
And growth in grace, with age.

Another year!
With much to dare and do—
If Jesus tarries still:
Great mountain peaks ahead to climb;
Dear souls to win, while there is time;
And conquest, if we will.

Another year!
What will it mean to me—
The days and weeks before?
Perhaps some glist'ning tears to shed,
A cross to bear, as on I'm led;
The Father knows what more.

Another year!
I cannot see the path,
But I shall take the way.
When its tomorrows all shall flee
Into the yesterdays, I'll be
Near the "perfect day."

—Unknown.

"Care" packages. We received them a few days later and are very thankful for them. Surely there is a great need and many people suffer over here. Your help is much appreciated. We did not use them for ourselves alone, for we always have company of the Lord's saints who help us in the Lord's work, and we thank the Lord together for it.

There are other religious bodies which sent help to their members and, of course, our people wonder if they cannot get some help from the Church, too. I do not like to write this way, and would not for myself, but it is my duty to say this in behalf of our people. I promised them I would write about it. Our people get ten ounces of fat each month—half of it is butter and the other half margarine. There is no fat to be had on the market outside of the rations. That makes cooking for the table very short. If it would be possible that you could send us some cooking fat, oil or salt meat, I am sure it would be a great help. Some shoes, maybe some secondhand ones, would be a big help. If some of the saints over there would like to help, they may send it in small parcels to our address and we would divide it to those who are most in need. You would not have any trouble in getting permission, as parcels are allowed. This would be more practical than "Care" packages as they contain very little fat.

Faithfully yours for the Church of God, Rev. Herman Lauster, Krehwinkel, Schorndorf, Wuerttenberg, U.S. Zone, Germany.

SHEW US THE FATHER

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us through his Son." Jesus answered Philip's question, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." Heb. 1:3 tells us that Jesus is "the express image of his person." Brothers in the gospel, let us answer the question by preaching JESUS. Let us tell the world that the Father has the same tender mercies of the Son. That it is the Father's will that none should perish. That He, too, wants the sick to be healed, the blind to see, the lame to walk, and that HE is the One who loved us so much that HE gave Jesus to the world. Let us preach Jesus and then tell them that God, the Father, is LIKE HIM.

No pump is needed in the wells of salvation; they are so full they are overflowing.

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Reports

► FROM THE FIELD

South Louisiana Prayer Conference Great Success

The prayer conference for south Louisiana was held at the Bogalusa Church of God beginning Tuesday night, November 12, and continuing through Thursday night of the 14.

This grand meeting will long be remembered in the hearts of the Bogalusa people and all the delegates from the other churches.

Our state overseer, Brother John L. Byrd, directed all services as he felt God directed him. We all feel that he is a man most worthy of his calling from God.

If only space would permit, there is so much we could say in honor of the men of God who brought the messages in this conference. Also, of the fine singing rendered from time to time by singers who were inspired of the Holy Ghost as they sang to the glory of God. The burden of the messages was "Prayer" and as the services continued, many times the Holy Ghost would take charge. Messages were given by the Holy Ghost to God's people and several were interpreted. Many fell in the altar seeking God. Some prayed through to victory and spake in tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance.

In addition to the preaching, singing, and spiritual outpourings, there were many problems discussed, which all seemed to feel was needful and would help all to be more efficient workers for the Lord and His Church.

Words can't express our appreciation that this wonderful prayer conference was held at the Bogalusa church. It has proved a great blessing to our people.

Keep praying for us, and remember, you have a hearty invitation to come and worship with us at the Bogalusa church.—Mrs. Marvin Johns, reporter.

A Great Convocation in the Nation's Capital

The great Bible and prayer conference, held in the Church of God in Washington, D. C. December 9-11, is now history. Indeed it was a success, because the Holy Ghost was present to direct and inspire each service, and because it was an assembly of God-

called, blood-washed, Spirit-filled saints of God.

The conference was officially moderated by Rev. O. C. Crank, state overseer; Rev. John C. Jernigan, General Overseer; and Rev. Kenneth C. Combs, state youth director.

The first service got underway Monday evening at 7:30. The congregation stood with up-lifted hands and invited the presence of the Holy Ghost. This was followed by a good song service under the direction of the State Music Committee, W. E. Tull, R. E. Crowley, and W. B. Chamberlain. After the song service a soul-stirring message was delivered by O. C. Crank, state overseer. The theme of the message was "The Minister, His Qualifications and Responsibility." This great message was followed with a consecration service, which brought us all closer to God.

The first service Tuesday, at 10 p.m., was highlighted with a great message to the ministers by General

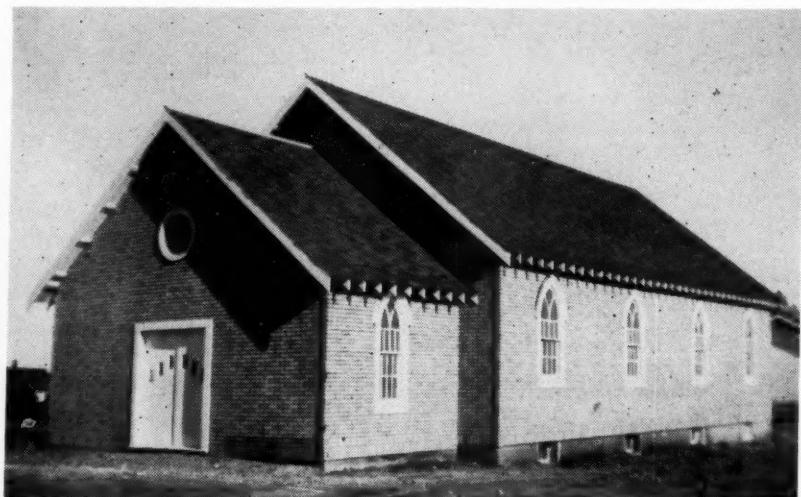
Overseer Jernigan, his subject being "God Needs a Man." This service closed with prayer.

The Tuesday afternoon service was under the direction of Rev. Kenneth C. Combs, state youth director. After some very encouraging reports by the district youth directors, and a few remarks by Rev. Brady Dennis, state youth director of West Virginia, Rev. Ralph E. Williams, National Youth Director, delivered a wonderful message on "The Interest Christ Manifested in Children." As this young man related facts pertaining to certain conditions which are a dire threat to the future progress of Church of God youth, our hearts burned within us. I feel that I am speaking the sentiment of all who were present, when I say, "Our souls cried out from within us, saying, 'God, help me to meet the challenge.'"

The Tuesday evening service was a great service indeed, filled with many good things that space will not permit mentioning. One of the main events in this service was the ordaining of Rev. Paul C. Cook, missionary to India. After the ordination service, Rev. J. Stewart Brinsfield, Executive Missions Secretary, delivered a message in interest of the mission cause, his subject being "The Bible and Missions."

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NEW CHURCH AT TOLSTOY, SOUTH DAKOTA



Psa. 126:3, "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

We are truly thankful for what the Lord has done for us at Tolstoy, South Dakota. We have twenty-eight faithful members who love the Lord and His cause. We have a nice building near completion, with full-size basement, elevated floors and choir. The building will be valued between \$12,000 and \$15,000, and has been built on the pay-as-you-go plan.—Rev. A. B. Long, pastor.

◀◀◀ REVIVALS ▶▶▶

TENNESSEE REVIVALS

Pastor W. E. Albee writes: Just closed a good meeting at Bone Cave. Three were added to the church, the first in 8 years, I am told. Also paid off all bills and finished the house at Campaign. Both churches are on the increase and God is blessing.

CARSON SPRINGS—We have just closed a good revival here, with Sister Annie Kilgore doing the preaching. Five were saved and the church was encouraged. The Lord surely blessed Sister Kilgore in her preaching and everyone loves her.—J. N. Allison.

LEBANON—We have just closed a great revival which continued 5 weeks, with the pastor, G. R. Morris, and wife. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Brother Morris preached the gospel in the old-time way. Conviction swept the congregation night after night. The town is stirred. The attendance has increased and the people getting blessed. Sixteen were saved, 6 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 6 added to the church. The Sunday School has increased from 48 to 152 since Brother Morris came. To God be the praise! We have a nice fund started for our new church and all of us are working hard to get it started. Pray for us.—Nola Roberts, Clerk.

DUNLAP—Just closed a two weeks' revival with 4 saved and 1 sanctified. Some soul-stirring messages were delivered by the evangelist, Maynard Rentfro, and the church was greatly blessed. We are building Sunday School rooms and remodeling our rostrum. Also have a nice mission offering started. Pray for us.—E. E. Combs, Pastor.

BRISTOL—Just to let you know the good news! We are in another good revival. God is blessing in a great way. The saints are stirred and groaning in prayer to get closer to God. Back-sliders have been reclaimed. One person received the Holy Ghost. We have just purchased a nice 8-room house for parsonage, one block from the church.—J. L. Underwood, Pastor.

SIGNAL MOUNTAIN—Greetings! Had a good revival. The Lord blessed in a great way. Thirteen were saved,

7 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, 6 baptized in water, and 3 added to the church. We have organized a Y. P. E. and the Sunday School has broken all records. Ray Phillips, of Chattanooga, was the evangelist. Any church would do well to get him for a revival.—Jake Knight, Pastor.

DAYTON has been in a great revival, with Evangelist Al Edenfield doing the preaching, but we have not received a full report. The last we heard, above 60 had united with the church.

JEFFERSON CITY — We have just closed a four weeks' revival, with Rev. Clyde Timms, a B.T.S. student from Atlanta, Ga., doing the preaching. We also had special singing each night. The services were wonderful each night; many nights the Holy Ghost was manifested in such a mighty way that the preacher didn't even preach. There were forty-three saved, twenty-four sanctified, and nineteen filled with the Holy Ghost. The church was greatly blessed. Since our pastor came to us in May, 1946, the Sunday School and Y. P. E. have increased and the church is progressing nicely.—Alma Ruth Burchfiel.

HOGANSVILLE, Ga—Five weeks' revival just closed. Several were saved, sanctified and filled with the precious Holy Ghost. God worked in a wonderful way. Some felt definitely called to the foreign fields. A special offering was taken for missions. We give God the praise, honor, and glory for the victory.—Mrs. Ada Pike.

BAXLEY, Ga.—Just closed a two weeks' revival at Baxley. Fourteen were saved, four sanctified, three baptized with the Holy Ghost, and three added to the church. We praise the dear Lord for this revival.—Mrs. Willard, clerk.

CELINA, Texas—In the good revival closed December 15 there were thirteen souls saved, eight sanctified, and six filled with the Holy Ghost. Some nights no preaching was needed; the Holy Ghost took charge of the meeting. The church was blessed in a marvelous way. Sister Zoe Brown was the evangelist and we would be glad to recommend her for a revival anywhere

there is an opening.—M. T. Gilliam, pastor.

DOES JESUS CARE?

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little mother's heart was breaking and instead of letting her pass by in her grief, His great heart of compassion was touched, for He said, "Weep not." And we read, "When he saw her, he had compassion on her." Jesus touched the coffin and said, "Young man, I say unto thee, Arise!" To the amazement of the multitude, and to the joy of the little mother's heart, the young man was restored to life. Some day, dear hearts, "all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth." What a reunion that will be! Jesus cares.

The sweetest verse in all the Bible is that short verse of just two words, "Jesus wept." It is truly wonderful and so humbling to know that the great heart of our Lord could be moved with such compassion for His own that He wept. It was at the scene of the death of Lazarus, friend of Jesus, whom Mary and Martha, sisters of the dead man, mourned deeply. Jesus stood at the grave, after Lazarus had been buried several days, and wept as He saw their great grief. Does Jesus care? Oh, He does? And again He spoke the words and the dead man arose for Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life.

Hebrews 4:15, 16, "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

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CHARITY

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buzzard that will pass up a live, fat and good cow to light on a dead, stinking one. Charity craves a calf, "tender and good." See Gen. 18:7. Noah's raven (envy) never had to return to the ark, for he could perch and fill himself on a dead mule, etc., but the dove (charity) would not light on anything defiled or unclean.

Charity is not rash, not hasty to speak, or push self to the front. Charity won't set out its own glory. Prov. 25:27, "For men to search their own glory is not glory," but shame and disgrace. See Luke 14:11. No sir, charity never has the "I am it," or the "see me" attitude. The middle letter in "pride" is "I." Oh, how often we hear folk brag and blow, "I did this or that. I gave. I went." I said to a man (a church boss), while I was visiting there, "Well, I see you have new seats and some painting done," and his answer was, "My money has done what you see." Enough charity would have let someone else praise him. See Prov. 27:2.

Charity is not puffed with pride or anger. A proud look is abomination number one to God. Prov. 6:17. I am made to wonder lately, why or what makes some of our male members (I'll skip the sisters this time), some preachers also, want to take on a dudish look or appear as a "sheik." Charity may not make us handsome, but it will make us like Christ, and He was not so handsome. See Isa. 53:2. Phil. 4:5 (Syriac), "Let your humility be recognized among all men." I believe this means to let your humility be very conspicuous, but don't look for your humility, for if you see it, it will disappear. Look at and "follow after charity" continually, then humility will follow you, and not only follow you but it will catch up with you and rest and abide on you.

There is more to follow, but in the meantime "FOLLOW AFTER CHARITY."

CONVERT HIM

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ahead and affirm yourself right, then when you do learn you are wrong, will you have the fortitude to confess your error? Were you ever wrong on your ideas? You may be wrong this time. "Let him without sin cast the first stone," or it might be well to pick the "beam out of your own eye."

You have been offended? Well, what do you want? His head or his heart? You are entitled to something but do

you know how much the law says you are able to collect? We are not able to judge the offender, as it is only God who looks at the heart. God has been judging for thousands of years, and knows all the law, and it would be well to leave the judgment and extracting with Him.

How many years will that offense take from your life? Do you realize how short life is? It is too short to become aggravated over frivolities. That slap on the face will not distract from your days as much as your worrying over it. Let it go by. "There is nothing that goes over the devil's back but what will come over his belly."

Did that offense sting you? You will live over it. How deeply did the offense cut? Don't humor yourself. You are not harmed from the outside. The downfall of all nations begins from the inside, so will your house fall if you harbor any "fifth column" feelings.

Yes, all people are offended. Did something rise up within you when you were hurt? Don't you feel queer now that you have cooled off? You didn't accomplish a thing while you were vexed. The great Confucious said, "He whom the gods would destroy they must first anger."

It is not the pain of the offense that we want to avoid, but the repetition of the act. How shall we convert him from his error? The Bible says something about "heaping coals of fire" on his head. There is no better way to convert a man than through kindness. The song says, "Love lifted me." It will lift any offender and convert him from his error. The parable is told of the rain, wind, and sun having a discussion as to which could make a man shed his coat. The rain poured but the man kept his coat close about himself. The wind blew but the man drew his coat even closer. The sun began to radiate its tenderness upon the man, and with a smile of contentment the man looked

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There is more prestige in converting a man from his error than in chastising him for it. The Golden Rule will do more in converting than all the "Thou shalt nots" of the law.

REQUESTS

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Our son who has a cancer on his tongue, also that he might be saved. I have an unspoken request.—Beckie Ritter, Oak Park, Ga.

Our girl to be healed and be able to come home from the hospital.—Sister Bertha Wicker, Newberry, S. C.

God to heal my sister who has been in a wheel chair, unable to walk, for nine years.—Dorothy Maw, Newberry, S. C.

The salvation and healing of T. O. Fowler who is in the hospital in a serious condition.—Mrs. W. H. Goodwin, Hartwell, Ga.

God to heal me of low blood pressure and nervous trouble.—Mrs. Bessie Bartlett, Swannanoa, N. C.

The healing of my body and my boy's eyes to be healed.—Monroe Rush, Shaw, Miss.

My arm which I injured sometime ago.—A reader.

Me to be healed of kidney and stomach trouble, also my daughter to be healed.—Mary Millican, Nettleton, Ark.

Bessie Odell who was seriously injured in an accident, also for her husband to be saved.—Hazel Rogers, Maryville, Tenn.

God to heal me of high blood pressure and other ailments.—Mrs. Annie Tallant, Sulphur, Okla.

Me and my grandmother to be healed.—Mrs. Scott Bergdoll, Moorefield, W. Va.

The Lord to heal me and my husband.—Mrs. Elva Tidwell, Scottsboro, Ala.

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WHAT ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE GERMAN CHURCH?

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Federal and World Councils converged upon Germany in October, 1945. A convocation at Stuttgart served the purpose of cementing the tie between the leaders in Germany and those who were sent by liberal Protestantism in New York and Geneva.

Evangelicals had hoped that Niemoller might be sufficiently alert to the doctrinal infidelity of prominent members of these ecumenical missions so that he would at least hesitate about casting his lot with them, but it is evident that he has swallowed the bait and will, along with most of the other outstanding leaders in Germany, give his allegiance to the World Council. Thus we have in prospect the alignment of men who might be the hope of Germany spiritually, and for whose fortitude and devotion we have the highest respect, with those forces that are standing in America for an emasculated gospel which can produce only spiritual blight.

What can we do for Germany under these conditions? Although beaten to the ground by the wrath of the nations and the judgment of God on an iniquitous government, the German people are too virile, resourceful and intelligent to remain static. They are confused and desperate. Presently they will rise to their feet and march in some direction. Will it be Communism? Perhaps, although the savagery of the Russian soldiers and Tito is producing a reaction against it as the Germans hear the tales of the refugees pouring in from the East.

Will it be some new form of nationalism? This would be possible and even probable if a strong leader appeared in the picture soon.

Spiritually, will it be a reversion to rationalism and the later forms of modernism? Yes, if the present ecumenical leadership in America and Geneva can manage it.

Will it be revival and a genuine spiritual rebirth of the German Church along evangelical lines? Only if the evangelicals of America become aware of their opportunity in time.

How can it be managed? By flooding Germany with Bibles, Testaments, spiritual literature and, as rapidly as permission can be obtained from the military government, by sending picked men equipped intellectually and spiritually to assist in the development of the sort of leadership in Germany which will be alert to the

dangers of an ecumenical movement which leaves Christ out of its reckoning.

I have come back from Germany convinced that the country more than any country on the face of the globe is ripe for a spiritual revival. I hope we will not fail God in providing the needed assistance as soon and in as many ways as possible while there is yet time.—UEA.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

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This was a fine message, which stirred our hearts afresh in behalf of missions. A liberal mission offering was received.

The Wednesday morning service was given to Bible study. We had several Bible students present who were able to discuss at length the subject chosen for discussion. Everyone seemed to enjoy the Bible study.

In the Wednesday afternoon service we were blessed with a fine message by Rev. Paul H. Walker, Chairman of the Mission Board and state overseer of West Virginia, on the subject of "Practical Holiness and Its Results." Following this service, the ministers and their families enjoyed a splendid

meal prepared by the sisters of the host church.

Rev. John C. Jernigan, General Overseer, preached the closing message, on Wednesday evening, which inspired all to return to their respective fields of labor with a fixed determination to labor in the vineyard of the Lord until He says it's enough.

Rev. J. Andrew Rafferty, host pastor, and his Entertainment Committee are to be highly commended for the splendid job they did in providing for and entertaining all the state and out-of-state attendance.

We were highly favored to have the following out-of-state visitors: Rev. and Mrs. John C. Jernigan, Rev. J. Stewart Brinsfield, and Rev. Ralph E. Williams, of Tennessee; Rev. and Mrs. Paul H. Walker, and Rev. and Mrs. Brady Dennis, of West Virginia; Rev. Glyndon Logsdon, Rev. and Mrs. Folk, and Rev. Justis, of Pennsylvania; Rev. and Mrs. T. W. Norris, of Virginia; and Sister Helen L. Morrow, of South Carolina. We were made happy to have these distinguished Christians with us for our Bible and prayer conference, along with the fine people of Delaware, Maryland, and D. C.—Floyd L. Ramsey.

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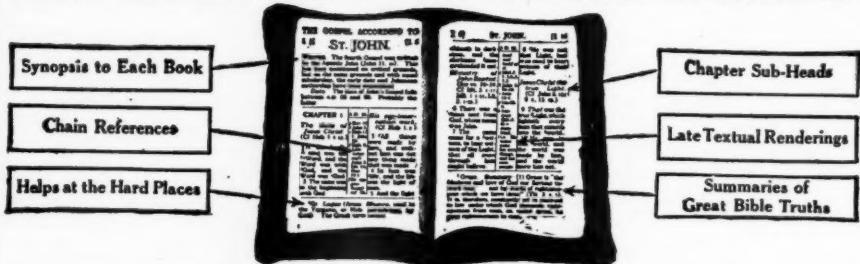
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